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NO CHANGE IN FEPC, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SAYS

**Thorough Study
Given Request
Made By NAACP**

Circumstances
Show No Need
For Change: FDR

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GROWING RACE**

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Miss. CME College Passes Crisis; Few Changes Noted In Methodist Conferences



First Sergeant Will R. Anderson, of Camp Swift, Texas, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Anderson, on Jim Hill Street. Sgt. Anderson is a graduate of Tougaloo College.

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(Special to the Jackson Advocate)

BALDWIN, Miss. — The Mississippi, East Miss., North, South and West Miss. Annual Conferences and the Oklahoma and Muskogee conferences of Oklahoma of the C. M. E. Church, comprising the sixth Episcopal District of the C. M. E. Church of which the Very Rev. J. H. Moore of Holly Springs, Miss., is presiding Bishop, had phenomenal success this year which registered in overflowing reports in each conference. The morning sessions were opened with the Bishop's meditations which provoked much thought and comment. Especially was this true when he discussed subjects "The Responsibility of Leadership" and "Be Instant in Season." He paid glowing tributes to his co-laborers, President W. M. Frazier of Miss. Industrial College and President Roosevelt.

The crisis which confronted the Mississippi Industrial College, when (\$50,000.00) fifty thousand dollars were demanded some two years ago is passed for said amount has now been reduced to less than ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars.

The all-record-breaking conference was held at Gloster, Miss. Here it is reported that of some eighty churches, every one received its former pastor for 1943, a thing unprecedented in Methodism. The Presiding Elders of said conference are Drs. O. A. Hill, N. W. Washington and U. L. Washington of the Gloster District.

At Baldwin, Miss., Rev. C. Thomas and Rev. J. L. Tolbert, Presiding Elder and Pastor, hosts. At close of conference, Rev. J. Vernon Ballard paid the full assessment for his church for 1943. After 40 years in the pastorate in Miss., Rev. T. Watford took retired relationship. Dr. James R. Starks of Dallas, Tex. was noon day preacher in several of the Miss. and Oklahoma conferences. Missionaries in each conference vied with each other in making mission preachers happy. The Mississippi Boys' College and Girls Glee Clubs exhibited wonderful programs in several of the conferences. James M. E. Ship of Baldwin, Miss., led the missionaries starting success. Among visitors attending and endorsing the conference were Drs. B. W. Doyle, general secretary

They Attended 'Ag' Conference



This is a picture of Negro agricultural and home economics extension leaders attending 1942 annual state conference at Jackson, Miss. Standing: Mattie Jordan, home agent, Issaquena county; Medora Reed, home agent, Hinds county; G. C. Cypress, Negro boys' state 4-H club agent; Beatrice Childress, Negro girls state 4-H club agent; Mabel Copton, home agent, Nodux county; and George Bryant, county agent, Pike county, all from Mississippi.

Thomas H. Campbell, pioneer leader, for 36 years in farm demonstration and extension work, has served agricultural education on farms of the south, taking to rural people the scientific facts that today enable the meeting of unprecedented production goals. He has one son, First Lieut. T. M. Campbell, Jr.; another son, Second Lieut. W. A. Campbell; a daughter, Lieut. A. Noel Campbell with the WA-ACs; a daughter in training with the National Red Cross, and a daughter, a senior at Tuskegee Institute.

Capital Transit Finally Gives In

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (ANP) — Reluctantly the Capital Transit Company gave up its fight against the directive of the FEPC and through its president, E. W. Merrill, ordered the ban on hiring Negro bus and street car operators lifted as of Saturday morning.

This action followed a stormy session of the Amalgamated Transit workers Tuesday night in the departmental auditorium, where nearly 2,000 transit company employees assembled to hear Paul V. McNutt and Malcolm McLean, chairman of the FEPC, read the order.

Merrill had attempted to hide behind the union's action in declaring white workers would go on strike before they would work side by side with Negroes as bus and street car operators. But as far as August 4, the international president of the transit union has written J. G. B. Bigelow, president of the Washington local, to the effect that no racial prejudice would be tolerated.

Members of the local then went to the district committee in the house of representatives with a plea that this powerful group of congressmen stop the action. But

Offers Prizes



J. H. COATES
—General Manager of Security Life Insurance Company, and originator of Students Essay Contest, urges all Students, Teachers and Jeans agents in the state to get all the prizes offered by the Security Life, and buy Defense Bonds and Stamps, and be thrifty in 1943. He extends a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" to all!

Security Life Urges Greater Victory In '43

Security Life Offers "Security Greetings" for 1943! The old wheel of time ushered out 1942 and quietly brings in the babe of 1943. How, oh how shall we greet and nurse him?

Countless numbers will greet him with numerous and sundry accustomed resolutions, never to remember them again. They will simply follow the custom without ever seriously thinking of their resolutions.

But there are always, and there shall be this bright and promising year, those few honest souls who will resolve to give their all, though it be the "widow's mite," to make this a world fit to live in, hard as that, under the circumstances, may seem, this group will do things both by precept and example that will tend to make this world a place dreamed of by the late and lamented Lincoln, "of the people, for the people and by the people."

Where the people, Negroes included with all other people, may feel safe and sound, with equal opportunities to contribute their rightful share in the world of progress.

Security Life Insurance Company, while acknowledging thanks for your support in 1942, asks that we all join hand in hand, and of good will, march to a greater victory in 1943. So let Security secure, protect and give you gainful and respectful employment in the great year of 1943, and those of come.

Happy New Year to All!
Security Life Insurance Company
J. H. Coates, General Manager.

Vote Fight In Texas Is Continued

HOUSTON, Texas — (SNS) — Stating that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People would not halt its fight against the southern white primary until it has reached the United States Supreme Court and that "the importance of such a case is further emphasized during this war emergency," Thurgood Marshall, NAACP Special Counsel W. J. Durham, Texas attorney, announced this week the filing of a petition for rehearing of the case of Lonnie E. Smith vs. S. E. Allwright and James J. Luiza election judges of the 48th Precinct of Harris County, Texas.

Associated in the petition, which asked that the court grant "a rehearing on the grounds that questions decisive of the case and fully submitted by counsel in brief and argument have been overlooked by the Court and that the decision violates Article 1 and amendments 14, 15, and 17 of the United States Constitution and is in conflict with the controlling decision of the United States Supreme Court," are several well known Negro lawyers. They are William H. Hastie

Pythian Leader Seriously Ill

Hon. Wade H. Randolph, of Jackson, Leader of the Knights of Pythians of the State of Miss., is seriously ill in the Green Annex of the Baptist Hospital to which he was removed after the attack of illness at his home on Monument street early last week.

While his condition was regarded as serious there appeared no cause for alarm. Latest reports from the hospital reported his condition as satisfactory.

Madison County Wife-Murderer Pays Supreme Penalty In "Chair"

ENTERED VOLATION OF
WIFE'S DEATH IN
FAMILY BIBLE BEFORE
CRIME

Sylvester Brown, 35, who entered a volation in the family Bible that his wife, Dollie Brown, died on March 6, before murdering her on that date, was electrocuted at 6:30 Thursday morning, the first man to be electrocuted in Madison County since 1906.

Before leaving the death cell for the execution chamber, Brown told other prisoners that he would be back to see them that night, and according to officials, his promise to return had caused considerable excitement and apprehension among the prisoners due to the fact that Brown had developed great religious zeal, and done much by singing and praying while confined in the death cell since his conviction on a charge of first degree murder at the June term of the Circuit Court, which sentenced him to die on July 1, and the decision of the lower court was confirmed, and the execution date fixed as December 17, by the State Supreme Court.

Brown murdered his wife at the home of her parents in Pickens, where, during an estrangement, he went to attempt a reconciliation.

When she refused, he returned to his home in Goodman, made the entry in the family Bible, returned again to Pickens, set her parents' house afire, and armed with a shot gun, took a shot at everybody as they ran out of the house, killing his wife instantly, wounding her father and mother and his ten-year-old son. According to reports, he even tried to kill the family dog.

No Discrimination Is Pledge Of Union

NEW YORK — (A N P) — Citing victories gained during the year 1942, against discrimination in the maritime industry, the National Maritime union last week went on record as pledging itself to continue the fight as long as necessary against anti-democratic policies and fascist tendencies on the part of some shipowners.

Declaring that discrimination looks "particularly ridiculous today" in the light of the government pamphlet "Manpower" in which Paul V. McNutt, WMC chairman; Donald M. Nelson, head of the War Production Board; Frank Knox, secretary of the navy; and Robert Patterson, acting secretary of war, declare that "Every time you pass over a Negro worker, for no other reason than his color, either in hiring or in promotion, you place an obstacle in the path of all-out production," the maritime union pledged that members and officers would continue to act under a mandate issued by President Roosevelt last January which said in effect that questions of race, creed or color have no place in determining who are to man American ships.

Asks Death Or Liberty— He Got 99 Years

ELLISVILLE, Mississippi, (SNS) — "Give me death or let me go," was the terse reply of Howard Cook, 18-year-old night club employee, when Circuit Court Judge F. Burkitt Collins, who imposed a 99 year sentence upon him, asked Cook if he had anything to say.

A jury hearing the case in which Cook was charged with robbing with firearms, deliberating over night, reached a verdict of "guilty" but could not agree on the punishment.

Where a jury in such cases fails to fix punishment, under Mississippi law, the duty falls upon the sitting judge.

Dr. A. A. Coosey, Baptist Leader, Has Operation

Dr. A. A. Coosey, president of the Mississippi State Baptist Assn., underwent a major operation in Nashville, Tenn., early last week.

According to the latest reports from the bedside his condition is regarded as very serious with only the slightest chances for his recovery.

A constant companion at his bedside is his wife, whose letter to Dr. C. A. Greer, pastor of the Parish Street Baptist Church, respecting his condition was read to the congregation last Sunday

Jackson College Gets Additional Grant Of \$5,000

Jacob L. Reddix, President of Jackson College, announced that he had received notice that the Trustees of the R. H. Green Foundation had made a grant of \$5,000 for furnishings and equipment for the Health Center Building on the campus of the College. The College recently received a grant of \$25,000 from the State Building Commission for the purpose of constructing a Health Center and Social Science Building which will replace the present Administration Building. Notices have been received recently that these funds raised within the State of Mississippi have been matched by grants of \$80,000 each from the General Education Board of New York and the Julius Rosenwald Fund of Chicago. The total building fund of \$90,000 will be utilized for the construction of the two buildings as soon as priority for building materials can be secured from the War Production Board.

The Health Center will have ward space for approximately 18 beds, office space for two doctors and two nurses, X-ray equipment, and facilities for carrying on a general public health and clinical service. The Center will be operated in cooperation with the State Department of Health.

Three Soldiers Killed In Spree

U. S. HEADQUARTERS IN LIBERIA — (SNS) — Delayed Apparently crazed by a trivial row with military police, Private John W. Williams, 29, of Baltimore, Md., obtained a machine-gun, two pistols and a rifle Tuesday night, killed two other Negro soldiers and wounded two more and a white officer before he was shot to death, military authorities announced.

Staff Sergeant Thomas E. Pittman, 32, of Portsmouth, Va., and Private John E. McMichael, of Raleigh, N. C., were slain. Names of the wounded were withheld.

Urge FDR To Rap Demagogues

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — (SNS) — A petition with a thousand signatures of Negro and white Southerners from all walks of life, was forwarded to President Roosevelt this week. The petition called upon the Commander-in-Chief to take firm measures to smash the mounting revolt of Southern political reaction against the essential win-the-war measures of the Administration.

The statement charged a band of Poll Tax demagogues with attempting to incite the white people of the South against Negroes in order to destroy national unity. The petition accused these men of leading attacks on labor, provoking violence against Negroes, organizing phony "grass roots"

Jan. 15 Deadline For Application For Ration Book

Deadline of the application for War Ration Book One (sugar and coffee book) has been extended from December 15, 1942, to January 15, 1943, it was announced today by Major W. E. Holcomb, State OPA Director.

It was explained that when War Ration Book Two, the Point System Ration Book, is issued early in 1943, it will be given only to holders of Ration Book One.

When Book One was issued last spring, many persons were in the armed forces or living in hospitals and other institutions and have since moved out but have not secured Book One. Such persons should apply for Book One before January 15. This book will establish their eligibility for Book Two.

Mitchell Says Too Many Prefer Axis Victory To Granting Negro Rights

WASHINGTON — (ANP) — Charging that there are scores of men in the United States congress who would rather see the axis powers win this war than to grant the Negro his rights as an American citizen, Congressman Arthur Mitchell inserted this speech in the Congressional Record, possibly his last official act in congress as a member of that body from the first district of Illinois.

"These same men are loud and long in their acclaim for democratic rights of American citizens, but they lynch Negroes when it comes to the consideration of their citizenship rights in this country," Mr. Mitchell declared.

"It is my opinion that our own country must set its house in order, however, painful this might be, and practice democracy as well as preach it. The recent lynching of

Two Negro Boys, 14 Years of Age, at Shubuta, Mississippi, Just as Responsible as Any Crime Which Has Been Committed by Nazis or the Japanese Against Our Fighting Soldiers.

"There has been no punishment meted out to these midnight murderers and wicked assassins, and there will probably be none. Is it any wonder that that thinking (Continued on Back Page)